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1. THE PRESS HERE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DAYAN WILL VISIT
DENMARK AROUND THE MIDDLE OF MAY BUT THAT, FOR SECURITY
REASONS, THE EXACT DATES WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL JUST BE-
FORE HIS ARRIVAL. OUR MFA SOURCES SAY THIS WILL BE THE
AFTERNOON OF MAY 15 OR EARLY MAY 16. HE WILL DEPART
THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 18. ACCORDING TO THE MFA, HE
ARRIVES HERE FROM FINLAND.

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2. MFA'S OFFICE DIRECTOR BENT HAAKONSEN, WHOSE
RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE THE MIDDLE EAST, WAS VERY
CAREFUL IN TALKING ABOUT THE VISIT. (HE'S VERY
CAREFUL IN TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING.) THE DANES HAVE
ISSUED REPEATED INVITATIONS TO DAYAN WHICH WERE
PERSONALLY REINFORCED DURING DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

LISA OSTERGAARD'S VISIT TO ISRAEL IN OCTOBER 1977
(REF B). HAAKONSEN SAID THAT IN ACCEPTING THESE
INVITATIONS, DAYAN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING WITH
DANISH OFFICIALS, GETTING TO KNOW THE DANISH PEOPLE,
AND, SEEING SOMETHING OF DENMARK.

3. THE MFA HAS DRAFTED A TENTATIVE PROGRAM ACCORDINGLY.
DAYAN WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN
ON MAY 16 BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THE SAME DAY FOR NORWAY
WHERE HE REPORTEDLY IS TO TAKE PART IN NATIONAL DAY
CELEBRATIONS THERE ON MAY 17. THE EVENING OF MAY 16,
DAYAN WILL ADDRESS THE DANISH-ISRAELI
SOCIETY. THERE WILL BE MORE TALKS WITH DANISH OFFICIALS
THE MORNING OF MAY 17, A TRIP TO THE COUNTRY THAT
AFTERNOON AND THE OFFICIAL DINNER THAT EVENING.
MAY 18 REMAINS UNSCHEDULED.

4. HAAKONSEN DOES NOT EXPECT DENMARK TO SPEAK FOR
THE EC NINE BUT DANISH OFFICIALS WILL BASE THEIR
DISCUSSIONS ON THE VARIOUS DECLARATIONS ON THE MIDDLE
EAST ALREADY MADE BY THE NINE. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE
DANES WOULD URGE DAYAN TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN TALKS
WITH THE EGYPTIANS AND TO STOP THE SETTLEMENTS,
HAAKONSEN REPLIED THAT THE MFA HAD NOT YET BEGUN TO
PUT TOGETHER SUBSTANTIVE PAPERS FOR THE VISIT BUT THAT HE
EXPECTED THE DANISH PRINCIPALS TO SPEAK "FRANKLY"
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TO DAYAN ALTHOUGH THE DANES DO NOT WANT TO OFFEND ISRAEL.

5. COMMENT: DAYAN CAN EXPECT SOME TOUGH SLEDDING HERE.
LIKE THE SITUATION IN SWEDEN (REF A), MOST DANES BELIEVE
THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING ENOUGH
IN RESPONSE TO SADAT'S DECEMBER INITIATIVE, WRONG AND
EXACERBATING IN THEIR SETTLEMENTS POLICY, AND
OVERREACTIVE IN SOUTH LEBANON. EVEN THE TRADITIONALLY
PRO-ISRAEL POLITIKEN, ONE OF COPENHAGEN'S TWO LEADING
QUALITY NEWSPAPERS, HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF ISRAEL ON ALL
THREE OF THESE COUNTS. AN MFA CONTACT OTHER THAN
HAAKONSEN HAS TOLD US THAT PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN
DELAYED HIS ORIGINALLY-SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR OSLO
IN ORDER TO GIVE DAYAN A PERSONAL REPRIMAND.
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